### Floyd's Fork Stakeholder Process



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#### **Basic Goals**

 Working with stakeholders to develop a community-driven engagement process

 Identify stakeholder perspectives about possible management strategies for Floyd's

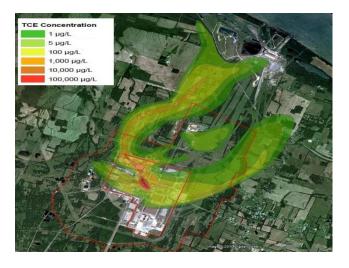
Fork watershed

 Provide community members with opportunities to evaluate these strategies

# The Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (www.paducahvision.com)



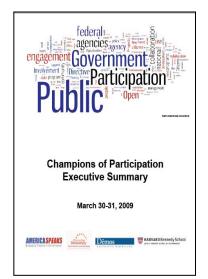
- Only operating US uranium enrichment plant
- 1,200 workers
- \$121 million payroll
- Buffered by West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area

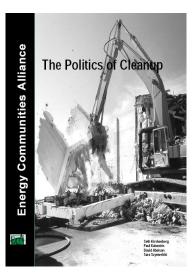


- TCE and Tc-99 found in nearby private drinking wells (1988)
- US EPA Superfund National Priority List (1993-94) Largest in Kentucky
- Among the world's largest TCE plumes
- Plant scheduled to close in 5-10 years

What is the community vision for the future use of the DOE property?

### **Process Components**





Guiding Principles

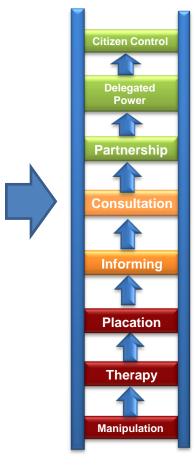
#### **Qualitative Tools:**

- Listening Tour
- •Community-Based Participatory Communication

#### **Quantitative Tools:**

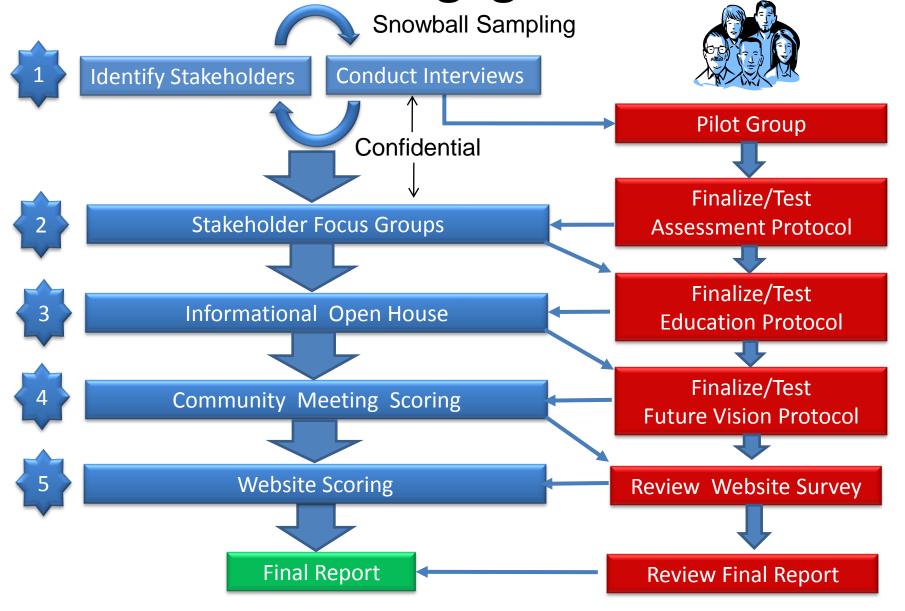
- Statistical Analysis
- Structured Public Involvement

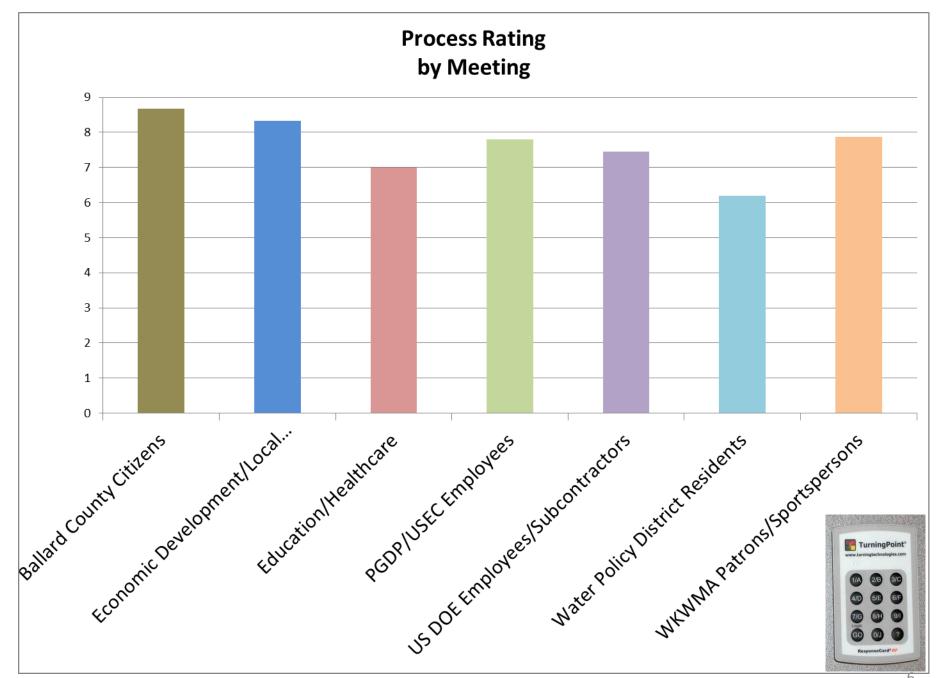
Methods



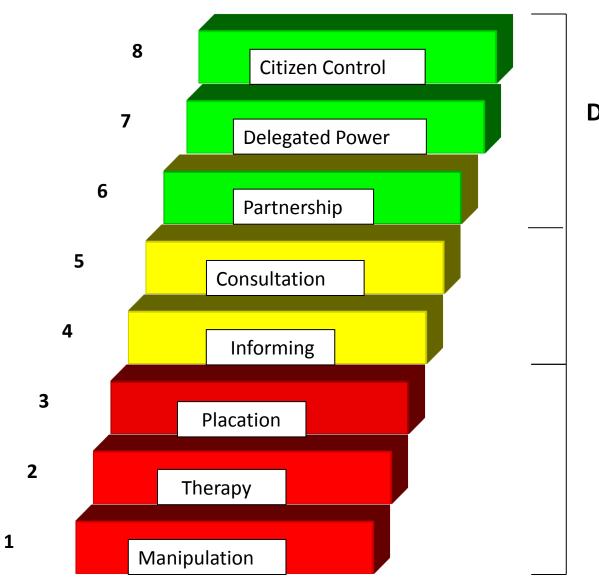
Evaluation Metric (Arnstein, 1969)

Stakeholder Engagement Process





## The Arnstein Ladder: Degrees of Citizen Participation in Planning (Arnstein 1969)



Degrees of citizen power

**Degrees of tokenism** 

Nonparticipation

#### Sample Floyd's Fork-Related Questions

- Where do you feel past Floyd's Fork-related projects fall on the Arnstein ladder of engagement?
- Where do you feel Floyd's Fork-related projects should fall on the Arnstein ladder?
- How do you think the desired level of community engagement could best be achieved (e.g., interviews, focus groups, community meetings, etc.)?
- What elements of the PGDP process (if any) do you think might be applicable here?
- What challenges exist for community engagement around these issues?

## Sample Floyd's Fork-Related Questions

- How do you use the watershed?
- Ideally, how would you like to use the watershed (or see other people use it)?
- What issues prevent you from fully using the watershed as you would like?
- How do your actions affect this watershed and its potential uses?
- How do others' actions affect the watershed and its potential uses?
- To the best of your knowledge, how are watershed management decisions currently made and enforced? By whom?
- Ideally, how *should* watershed management decisions be made and enforced? By whom?
- What management strategies do you think would be appropriate for the Floyd's Fork watershed? Where? Under what conditions?

### Sample Floyd's Fork-Related Questions

- Do you have other specific concerns about the watershed that we have not yet discussed?
- What other people and/or organizations directly affect or are directly affected by the watershed and its use?
- What kinds of information would be helpful if you were making decisions about how the watershed is being used and/or how it should be used in the future?
- In what formats would that information be most useful?
- Who would you think of as a trustworthy source of such information about the watershed?
- Are there other individuals or organizations we haven't discussed who should be involved in this process? If so, who are they?

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## Questions?